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SUBJ: SPANISH TUNA FISHING IN IATTC REGULATORY AREA

COPENHAGEN AND MEXICO FOR REGIONAL FISHERY ATTACHES

1. IN PAST THREE YEARS, AN OCCASIONAL SPANISH BOAT HAS
FISHED FOR TUNA IN EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC. RECENT INFOR-
MATION FROM STAFF OF INTER- AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMIS-
SION IS THAT AT PRESENT THERE ARE FIVE SPANISH FLAG TUNA-
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BOATS WITH COMBINED CAPACITY OF 6,357 TONS FISHING IN COMMISSION'S REGULATORY AREA. THIS IS AREA EXTENDING FROM CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TO CENTRAL CHILE AND UP TO 2,000 MILES OFFSHORE, WITHIN WHICH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (US, CANADA, JAPAN, MEXICO, COSTA RICA, PANAMA) AGREE TO APPLY JOINTLY ADOPTED CONSERVATION MEASURES TO PROTECT YELLOWFIN TUNA RESOURCE. IF IATTC'S INTELLIGENCE IS CORRECT, SPAIN IS AT PRESENT THIRD LARGEST COUNTRY IN FISHERY IN TERMS OF CAPACITY TONNAGE.

2. AT MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS, AT MADRID IN DECEMBER 1972, US COMMISSIONER AND CURRENT IATTC CHAIRMAN WILLIAM TERRY EXPRESSED TO SUBSECRETARY OF MARINE FERNANDO MARCITLLACH CONCERN OF US AND OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OVER INCREASING APPARENTLY UNCONTROLLED FISHING IN IATTC REGULATORY AREA BY SPANISH AND OTHER NON- MEMBER COUNTRY VESSELS. TERRY

INFORMED MARCITLLACH THAT IATTC AT NOVEMBER 1972 ANNUAL MEETING ADOPTED RESOLUTION CALLING ON MEMBERS TO SEEK COOPERATION OF NON- MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. TERRY ALSO INFORMED MARCITLLACH CONCERNING US LEGAL PROVISION FOR EMBARGO OF FISHERY PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ALLOW FLAG VESSELS TO FISH IN MANNER DELETERIOUS TO INTERNATIONAL FISHERY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN WHICH US PARTICIPATES. MARCITLLACH STATED THAT HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR GOS TO CONSIDER JOINING IATTC AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF SHORT HISTORY AND UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN EASTERN PACIFIC FISHERY AND BECAUSE OF DELICATE RELATIONS OF GOS WITH CERT

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